What is claimed is:

1. A switching terminal comprising:

a carrier strip;

a first terminal extending from an edge of the carrier strip; and

a second terminal extending from the edge of the carrier strip, being substantially parallel to the first terminal and having a cutout defined in an edge thereof adjacent to the first terminal.

2. The switching terminal as claimed in claim 1, wherein the first terminal comprises a first retaining portion connecting with the carrier strip, a first contact section and a first base section connecting the first contact section with the first retaining portion.

3. The switching terminal as claimed in claim 1, wherein the second terminal comprises a second retaining portion connecting with the carrier strip, a second contact section and a second base section connecting the second contact section with the second retaining portion.

4. The switching terminal as claimed in claim 3, wherein the second base section comprises a transfiguration portion, a pressing portion and an angled portion interconnecting the transfiguration portion and the pressing portion.

5. The switching terminal as claimed in claim 4, wherein the cutout is defined in the transfiguration portion.

6. The switching terminal as claimed in claim 5, wherein the transfiguration portion is deflected outwardly from the position of the cutout.

7. The switching terminal as claimed in claim 1, wherein a plurality of signal terminals connect with the carrier strip and are parallel to the first terminal.

8. A method of making a switching terminal comprising the steps of:

stamping a first terminal and a second terminal on a common edge of a carrier strip, wherein a cutout is defined in an edge of the second terminal adjacent to the first terminal and a free end of the second terminal extends away from the first terminal and is deflected from the position of the cutout; and

bending the free end of the second terminal forward the first terminal the free end of to the extent that the second terminal overlaps the first terminal as viewed along a direction substantially perpendicular to a plane defined by the first terminal.